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Mr. AIKEN. While on a very fruitful trip, which was known as the Mansfield mission, we found that all countries in southeast Asia, bar none, excluding North Vietnam, of course, were very much interested in the cooperative proposals for improving the economy of the region.

Perhaps if that program were implemented they would not think so much about fighting or taking over a neighboring country.

I notice this morning in one of the news items that the Saigon government decided to take away the aid programs of South Vietnam from the CIA. Many people know that the CIA was operating aid programs in many countries. I am not so sure that that is a good thing.

Mr. FULBRIGHT. Does the Senator mean take it away from them?

Mr. AIKEN. The CIA has been efficient in every way.

I want to say that it was a pleasure to go on that trip under the leadership of Senator MANSFIELD, who is very much respected in every country of the world where we went.

But they must have some means and plans to work together or they will constantly be at war with each other and we may be at war with them.

There is, in my opinion, a great opportunity to carry out projects for raising the standard of living of the people in foreign countries through some of our business corporations.

I think that the Senator from Arkansas has done well to bring this subject up. A bilateral program has many drawbacks. Where there is a multilateral program we at least have several countries watching each other to see that this program is operated efficiently, fairly, and honestly.